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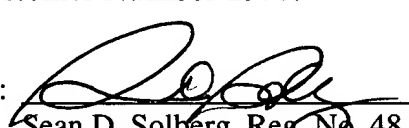
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-45 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is respectfully requested.

This response is being submitted on or before November 6, 2004, making this a timely response. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-1420.

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